



National Institutes of Health Visitor Center & Nobel Laureate Exhibit Hall

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Calendar of Events

NIH Visitor Center Programs:

April 1 – Ridge View High School Students, South Carolina

April 2 – Hansung Science High School Students, Korea

April 8 – Foundation for the NIH

April 9 – Widener University Nursing Students, Pennsylvania

April 22 – Take Your Child to Work Day Programs, NIH Visitor Center Nobel Laureate Exhibit Hall

April 23 – University of Maryland, Department of Residential Life

April 28 – Board of Directors, Utilization Review Accreditation Committee (URAC)

April 29 – National Junior Science & Humanities Symposia, High School Students

NIH Visitor Center Exhibitions:

Nobel Laureate Exhibit

Rock Stars of Science

Clinical Center Patient Tiles

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A Spotlight on Our Visitors...



The NIH Visitor Center recently hosted a special group of researchers - high school students dressed in their own white lab coats. These students visited from the Health Science Academy at the Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health in Brooklyn, New York. In addition to an overview of the NIH, a campus tour, and a tour of the Clinical Center, the students toured the Department of Laboratory Medicine hosted by Tor Moore (left).

Back at school, the students wrote newsletter articles about their visit to the NIH and its impact. One student, Edward, wrote, "*Our visit to the NIH laboratories helped me understand the true environment microbiologists work in and it helped me see what technologies they use...this made it easier for me to imagine a career in a lab.*"

Working with You...

Did you know that the NIH Visitor Center coordinates NIH Orientation Programs for ICs hosting meetings (on or off campus) with grantees, constituents, researchers, and working groups?

Our programs include an NIH Overview, Campus Tour, Clinical Research Center Tour and tour of the National Library of Medicine. We will work with you to bus your participants from your meeting hotel to the campus and design a program tailored to your specific audience. We find that many meeting participants attend a NIH meeting without seeing the NIH campus. Many meeting participants may be familiar with your IC or Office function, but they are often surprised to learn of the wonderful breadth and depth of the NIH once they complete our orientation program. One NIH staff person noted, "I have worked at the NIH for over 10 years and I couldn't believe how much I learned."

Did you know...

- Look for "Disease Detectives" on the Discovery Health Channel on the NIH Undiagnosed Diseases Program
<http://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/Resources.aspx?PageID=31>
- We have a Scientists Volunteer for Education web page. Volunteer! Find answers to your questions! Explore!
<http://science.education.nih.gov/ScientistsVolunteer>